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Little Review;

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Inquisition of Scandal;

Consisting in *Answers of Questions and Doubts, Remarks, Observation and Reflection.*

Wednesday, August 15. 1705.

Mr. de Foe,

YOU are desired to inform the World what Appellation the Society assumes; and whether it consists of a Number, or a single Person; that they may know how to Address themselves properly to it, and not in the Plural if the Number be one, nor in the Singular, if it be many.

Your Sincere Friend, &c.

June 2. 1705.

Ego.

You desire of me an account of what we are; but when a Man talks of himself, he handles a Subject ten to one he does not understand: However, as to the Complication of the Society, I say we are *Nomen Multitudinis*, a Number, but 'tis a Singular one; We are one Person, sometimes Mr. Review, sometimes the Scandal Club, sometimes one single Body, sometime a Body Corporate; So that, Sir, if you Write, or Address your self to Us, I shall receive your Letter; or if you send to Me, We shall give you all the Satisfaction I can, for We are your Friend and Servants, Nos Ego.

Mr. Review,

It's a common saying, *Ubi tres Medici, duo Athei*, and I doubt it has too near Affinity to the Truth, to be esteem'd an Hyperbole.

Physicians know what is digestible,

But their Study is but little in the Bible. Chaucer.

It is admirable to me, that Physicians, who generally are Men of Learning, and by their Profession have Opportunities (which others have not) of Conversing with Sick and Expiring Persons, and the Discourse of Persons at the point of Death, is very lively and Pathetick; Methinks such Objects of Frailty should convince them of the necessity of Dying, and make them Careful and Sollicitous about their Eternal State: They need no Memento's to remind them of the Grave, for by their Profession they are well stored. St. Hierome saith, *Facile contemnit omnia qui se cogitat mori.*

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morituum. And, Ex mortis oblivione omnia Mala; saith *Speranza*. So that if all the World was tainted with Atheism, I should think Physicians should be free; but the contrary being evident, I desire, if there can be any Reasons assign'd, why it is so, you would favour me with them the first Opportunity.

July 21. 1705.

Your most humble, &c.

The Matter, as you say, Sir, has as near an Affinity to Truth, as a thing can that is not Absolutely so; we must beg leave to think this not, because 1st. We are not easily brought to grant there is now such a Being as an Atheist. 2^{dly}. We find that Physicians are not so, being most of them very good Men. But, 3^{dly}, Supposing them to be actually Atheists, we do not think, that their Converſing so much with dying People, should make them less of that Opinion; and we are apt to believe, That a Man who seldom sees dying Men, would be more affected at the sight, than he that daily deals in such concerns, for it grows common to him, and does not move him. 4^{ly}. *Ex mortis oblivione omnia Mala*, We do not suppose, that by seeing the Death of M would convince an Atheist (supposing such a Man to be) that there is a God; for, says he, this is only the Course of Nature, and the fall that our frail Tenements must meet with; and he knows he himself must die, yet the Prospect of it does not alter him; for be there a God or none, that he is sure will happen; so that we do not think that Atheism is one of the *Mala* that comes from *Mortis oblivione*; and the most that can be infer'd from it, is, That the Physicians never can think they shall not die: You say, Sir, That if all the World were tainted with Atheism, sure they would be free, for the Reason before; No, Sir, Then there would be no Pathetick Speeches, by the Power of which you suppose Physicians might be Converted.

Gentlemen of the Scandal Club,

I Have a Kinswoman that frequently makes use of Patches and Beauty-washes, and some times a little Paint; She having but an indifferent Face, pleads that she makes use of them to Improve it, and is of Opinion they are as harmless as divers other Trifles that Women wear, under the Pretence of Ornaments.

As for my part, Gentlemen, I think it a great Crime in her, and have endeavour'd the best that I could, to shew her it is so. Among several Rea-

sons that I have given her, these are the chief, That it shews a Discontentedness with the Face God hath given her, and is very great Presumption in her to endeavour to mend her Maker's Work. But she objects against these, and saith they may as well be apply'd to Powder, Perfumes, Topknots and Furbelows, and divers other Trinkets that Modest Women make use of; I have not skill enough to convince her she is in the wrong, which is the reason I apply my self unto you, and she hath promised she will submit to your Determination; provided it be back'd with very good Reasons.

Your Answer to this (I hope) will be Serviceable, not only to my Relation, but to divers other Women, who are Reputed Modest and Good, but yet are too fond of the abovementioned Practice. And will extremely oblige

July 10.

Your constant Admirer,

1705.

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We think your Reason is a very good one, but her Parallel Answer very weak: for the effect of Patches and the other Ornaments, nay, the design is not the same, as that of Paint; For those Ornaments we allow to be harmless and decent, to set off the Parts they are apply'd to; but in Paint there is this distinction, that you do not Beautify that part, but you quite hide it, 'tis covered, and the Person not thinking the Face her Maker gives her, good enough, she throws it off, and sets up a New one of her own; this is Pride, and murmuring at the Disposition of God in his Gifts, which she presumes to rectify, and will Carve for her self.

After the Sin, let us and the Lady see the Folly of it, and how she misses the ends she intended, which are to make her Face the better, and more amiable to Men; the first she loses because it spoils the Face; Paint eats the Skin, and Tarnishes it; I my self knew a Lady who had a Pimple on her Face, and Painted; she scratching this small excrescency, the Paint got into it, and eat one side of her Face so far, that you might see all her Teeth outwards, which kill'd her at last; and besides, it makes them look older than they would Naturally, by abundance; for Paint cannot bear up the sprightliness which Nature has: The second effect we see is utterly gone, for Men hate a Woman that Paints, and it makes them suppose by her covering her Face, she has more Faults than perhaps she really has; 'tis putting a Trick upon the World, and a Wise Man will say, She that

that will appear what she is not, in her Face, may Counterfeit too in the rest of her Actions, and her Modesty may be of the same false Coin as her Face; so that let Women Paint as much as they will (it being both a Sin and a Folly) they have no Colour, for what they do. We hope the Lady will think of it, and leave off the Practice, unless she can give better Reasons for the continuing it, than barely saying 'tis ornaments as other Ornamental Trifles.

Sir,

IN your Little Review, Wednesday Aug. 1. I observed these words encompass'd between a Parenthesis thus; (by the Earth's moving from the Sun) Now I always thought, and it is my Opinion, the Motion is of the Sun, and that the Sun moves from the Earth, and not the Earth from the Sun, and my Authority is Scripture; Jud. 10. latter part of the 2d. Verse, Sun, stand thou still; and in the 13th Verse the Sun stood still, which implies, that its constant course was to move; for it would be ridiculous to say, Sun, stand thou still, if it never moved, and was without Motion.

For satisfaction in this particular, I intreat your speedy Answer.

S I R,

Your servant.

August 3. 1705.

If the Argument you bring were the only Support of the Ptolemaick System, it would soon fall; for that Expression is only adapted for our better understanding the meaning of the thing, *ad Caput humanum*, as abundance of sayings in the Scripture are; and here is no more included, than that God Miraculously stop't the orderly course of Nature; that Opinion is generally most adhered to, whereby the Phenomena's which depend upon it, may with most Nature and Ease be solv'd, and abundance of Hypotheses cannot be answer'd, without flying to that of the Worlds Motion. However this is not a fit Place to enter upon so long a Discourse: Nor would we take the Business of the Schools, and College Halls off their hands, but give you the Question of a Cook, from a College Kitching, who hearing the dispute on this Matter, turn'd to one of the Gentlemen and ask'd him,

Pray Sir, is it this Pigg here that turns round, or the Fire?

A Certain Maliciously affected Fellow, came Sweating to the Door of the Society, with a large Luggage at his Back, and demanded Entrance: This unusual Labour occasioned us to ask immediately what was the Matter; when we saw he had got Mr. Flying-Post at his back, and would have brought him in before the Society, pin'd to his breast, in LARGE CHARACTERS.

London, On Tuesday Last, Mr. Baron Nevil, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, departed this Life.

The Fellow was Angry at the Treatment, of so Honourable a Gentleman, and required the Censure of the Club; but it was answer'd, that Faults of Ignorance were easily forgiven, and they believ'd 'twas not out of ill will, that they Robb'd the Judge of his Title; but that the Offender thought his Christian Name to be, Baron; which he prefix'd for Exemplification, and so he was dismiss'd this time, with many Thanks and Scrapes.

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